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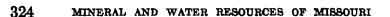
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Missouri River flood plain is concentrated in the western part of the valley where it is 10 miles wide and water is easily obtained. The concentration of irrigation in southwestern Missouri conforms quite closely to the extent of the Springfield Plateau. Water is easily obtained from well sustained streams. Springs are numerous, ground water can be obtained from shallow wells drilled into the Mississippian limestone. In addition, much of the surface of the Springfield Plateau is rolling to gently sloping. Although large quantities of water are available from streams on the Salem Plateau, much of the land is too hilly to be easily irrigated.

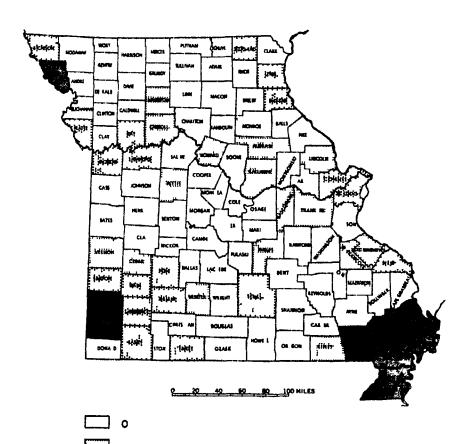


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